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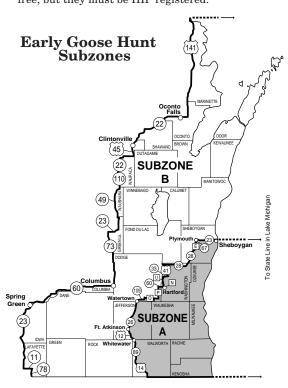


State of Wisconsin

Department of Natural Resources

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Permits, licenses and stamps: All hunters must possess current Wisconsin hunting licenses, a current WI Early September Canada Goose Hunting Permit and Harvest Information Program (HIP) registration as well as the required state and federal waterfowl stamps to participate in this early season (note: a person who has not reached the age of 16 years is not required to have either stamp). Wisconsin hunter safety graduates do not need to purchase the state stamp during the period in which the small game hunting privilege is free, but they must be HIP registered.



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Dates: September 1-4 and 8-15, 1998

What's New in '98

- Wisconsin will be taking part in the National Migratory Game Bird Harvest Information Program (HIP) to determine the number of hunters and harvest levels of Migratory Game Birds. When purchasing your license, if you intend to hunt Migratory Game Birds (ducks, geese, woodcock, coots, rails, snipe and gallinule) ask for your free HIP form. You must complete the form and mail it to the DNR before you hunt any Migratory Game Birds in Wisconsin. All migratory game bird hunters are required to participate in this new program.
- Non-toxic shot will be required for all shotgun hunting, except wild turkey, on all Federally owned Waterfowl Production Areas (WPA).
- The requirement of goose hunting from blinds in the Horicon Intensive Management Zone does not apply during the early September Canada goose season. However, it does apply to hunting of any species of geese during the regular goose season.

Warning

Some of the areas located in these goose hunting subzones have local firearm discharge restrictions. Please contact the appropriate local enforcement authorities to see if there are any local restrictions on the discharge of firearms in the area you plan to hunt in.

Participation: The season is open to all licensed hunters who possess an Early September Canada Goose Hunting Permit. Permit applications are available for

Other Information: The purpose of this hunt is to provide additional harvest of local giant Canada goose populations. All usual state and federal restrictions for waterfowl hunting will apply to this early September Canada goose season.

Possession Restrictions

• Retrieval: No person may kill or cripple any game bird without making every reasonable effort to retrieve such bird. A hunter who cripples a bird which falls or moves into open water may immediately pursue the bird into open water and shoot from a boat propelled by paddle, oars or pole.

Reporting and Validating Requirements:

- Once a goose has been harvested, the permit must be validated (punched) before the goose is transported in any manner.
- Hunters must report each goose harvested within 48 hours of the kill by calling, toll free, 1-800-99-GOOSE (1-800-994-6673)
- **Tagging:** No person may give, put, or leave any migratory game birds at any place or in the custody of another person unless the birds are tagged by the hunter with the following information:
 - 1. The hunter's signature.
- 2. The hunter's address.
- 3. The total number of birds involved.
- 4. The dates such birds were killed.

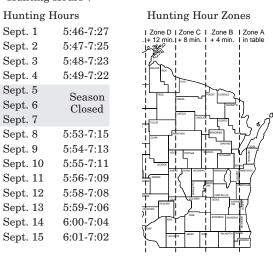
No person or business may receive or have in custody any migratory game birds belonging to another person unless such birds are properly tagged and a record of such receipt is kept by the business. \$3.00 at DNR offices and from many license vendors. Applications may be made at any time. Allow at least 10 working days for delivery by mail. Participation in this hunt will not affect your participation in any Zone hunt for regular Canada goose seasons.

Daily Bag and Possession Limits:

Subzone A - 5 Canada geese daily, 10 in possession Subzone B - 3 Canada geese daily, 6 in possession No other species of migratory game birds may be taken.

Calculating hunting hours:

Three hunting hour zones are shown on the map below. Add the minutes shown for the zone in which you are hunting to the opening and closing times listed under "Hunting Hours".



Non-Toxic Shot: Non-toxic shot (steel or bismuth shot) use is required for all waterfowl hunting.

- Possession of live birds: Wounded birds reduced to possession shall be immediately killed and included in the daily bag limit.
- Important: For information regarding the importation of migratory game birds killed in another country, hunters should consult 50 CFR 20.61 through 20.66 (a copy can be obtained from the USFWS address shown under "Caution").
- **Shipment:** No person may ship migratory game birds unless the package is marked on the outside with:
- 1. The name and address of the person sending the birds
- 2. The name and address of the person to whom the birds are being sent.
- 3. The number of birds in the package.
- **Transportation:** After validating your permit, migratory game birds may be field dressed before they are transported from the field. However, the head or one fully feathered wing must remain attached to all migratory game birds being (1) transported from the field *to* the person's permanent abode *and* (2) between a hunting cabin, camp, motel or other temporary abode *to* the permanent abode

Bird Bands: Should you obtain a bird band, call 1-800-327-BAND to report the date and location of recovery. You may also flatten it out and tape it to a 3X5 card or simply write the number on a 3X5 card. Add the date and location of recovery, your name and address and mail the card to: National Biological Service B.B.L. 12100 Beach Forest Rd. Ste.-4037 Laurel, Maryland 20708-4037